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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO PRC (CHAMPEAU, HAROLD C.; CHAMPEAU,BEVERLY J.)

1. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO SUBMIT NOTE TO PRCLO ABOUT OCTOBER 2 REQUESTING VISAS FOR MR. AND MRS. CHAMPEAU TO BE ISSUED THROUGH CTS HONG KONG FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO THE PRC BEGINNING IN MID-OCTOBER. USDA CONCURS IN CHAMPEAU TRAVEL.

2. NOTE WHICH DEPARTMENT SENT TO PRCLO LAST MARCH REQUESTING VISA FOR THREE WEEK TRIP STATED THAT WHILE PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS CONSULTATIONS WITH USLO, CHAMPEAU WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PAY COURTESY CALLS ON APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE PRC, MAKE BRIEF STOPS AT ONE OR TWO CITIES TO VISIT COMMUNES, AND SPEND A FEW DAYS IN CANTON TO OBSERVE THE FAIR. NOTE ALSO STATED, "HOWEVER,
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IF THESE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE INCONVENIENT AT THIS TIME,

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IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE VISA BE ISSUED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO ENABLE MR. CHAMPEAU TO PROCEED TO PEKING FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES LIAISON OFFICE." WE ARE PREPARED TO GO THIS TIME WITH BASICALLY THE SAME LANGUAGE. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS BY USLO AND CONGEN (PREFERABLY COORDINATED) ON HOW THE NOTE SHOULD TREAT CHAMPEAU'S DESIRED PROGRAM.

3. OUR GUESS IS THAT SIMPLE REQUEST FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS CONSULTATIONS WITH USLO, ALL EXTRAS EXCEPT CANTON FAIR VISIT BEING LEFT OUT, WOULD OFFER BEST PROSPECT FOR APPROVAL. BUT OMITTING OTHER DESIDERATA WHICH PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED WOULD PROBABLY REDUCE LIKELIHOOD THEY COULD BE ARRANGED AFTER ARRIVAL. KISSINGER

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